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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention. A copy of the International Search Report was included with the present application as filed.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report, dated July 17, 2001 for counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP01/03115:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-155130 (Matsushita Electric Ind., Co., Ltd.), which was published on June 8, 1999, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-13 of the International application. Applicant also submits U.S. Patent No. 6,078,727 to SAEKI et al., issued on June 20, 2000, which is an English language patent family member of the above-mentioned Japanese document; and

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-261964 (Sharp Corporation), which was published on September 24, 1999, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1-13 of the International application.

Applicant also calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-40667 (Toshiba Corporation), which was published on February 13, 1998, along with an English language Abstract and its equivalent, Japanese Patent No. 2875233, which was published on January 14, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,002,834 to HIRABAYASHI et al., issued on December 14, 1999.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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